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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of February 12 thru February 18, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 699 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

ARSON - On February 12 at 12:12 a.m. on Jessie and Lawson fire companies were called to a report of a vehicle fire. Upon arrival they found a 2013 Kia Rio completely engulfed in fire. The fire was intentionally set. Damage is estimated at \$14,000.



COLD EXPOSURE - On February 12 at 3:24 a.m. on the 40 block of Cook Avenue West a 29 year old woman was evaluated by Paramedics after she had been drinking and walked home. She refused transport to a nearby hospital.

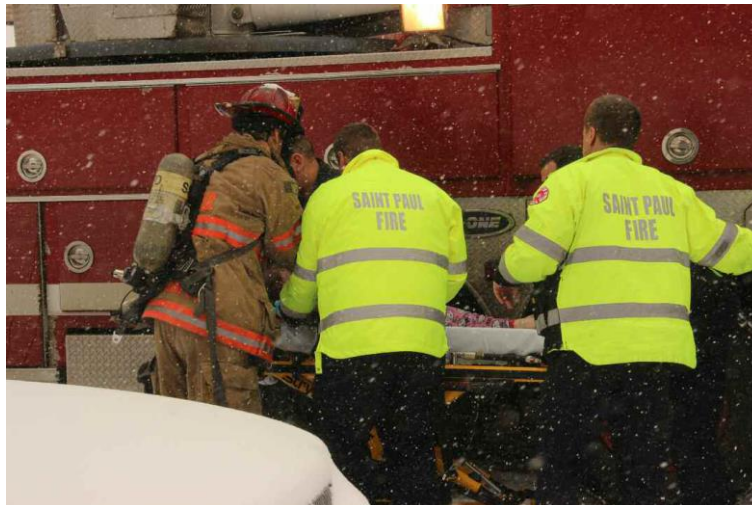
SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION - On February 13 at 6:43 a.m. on the 300 block of East Wheelock Parkway fire companies were called to a report of a fire alarm sounding. Firefighters arrived, stretched a hoseline and extinguished a small fire under a work bench that was extending up to the ceiling in the maintenance room. The rags that were used to stain base boards were then thrown into the combustible trash can under the work bench. Damage is estimated at \$5,000.

- Rags and brushes used to stain or varnish are subject to spontaneous combustion.
- They should be disposed of in a metal container with a tight-fitting cover.

ELECTRICAL FIRE - On February 13 at 9:43 a.m. on the 800 block of Seal Street a firefighters happened to be in the building while responding to a medical alarm when an occupant alerted them to an odor of smoke. Upon investigation they discovered a charred electrical conduit in the ceiling of a first-floor community room with small flames in the area. They quickly extinguished the fire. Damage is estimated at \$10,000.

COLD EXPOSURE – On February 16 at 10:04 a.m. on the 300 block of Goodhue Street a 15 year old boy walked home about 6-8 blocks in his socks. He had been drinking. Parents refused transport and will take him to the ER if the pain worsens.

BASEMENT FIRE - On February 17 at 10:44 a.m. on the 300 block of Maple Street fire companies rescued a 9 year old unconscious girl from the basement of a rental dwelling. She had been sleeping in an illegal basement bedroom that was filled with heavy smoke. She was transported to a nearby hospital by Paramedics. This fire is under investigation. Total damage is estimated at \$100,000.



Paramedics prepare the young fire victim for transport to the hospital.

COLD EXPOSURE - On February 18 at 2:52 a.m. on the 1000 block of Selby Avenue a 20 year old woman was evaluated by Paramedics after standing out in the cold for about 20 minutes. She refused transport to a hospital.